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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 93.

FRIDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1942.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE LATE DUKE OF KENT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following communication from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Government House,  
Canberra,  
10th September, 1942.

MR. SPEAKER,

I am commanded to forward the undermentioned reply from His Majesty The King to the Resolution which I transmitted from the House of Representatives—

“ I and my family deeply appreciate the message of sympathy from Members of the House of Representatives in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia on the death of my brother the Duke of Kent, who I know was so much looking forward to the time when it would be possible for him to take up his duties as Governor-General. The kind sentiments expressed by the Members of the House of Representatives afford me much consolation in my sorrow.

GEORGE R.I.”

GOWRIE,  
*Governor-General.*

3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Cameron rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “ The present position and prospects of the wheat industry, due to the Curtin Government's failure to honour the Menzies Government's promise of certain payments to wheatgrowers for wheat delivered to the 1941-1942 pool, and to the Curtin Government's failure to provide for adequate compensation for wheat to be harvested in the current year ”.  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Cameron moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce) be granted an extension of time.  
Ordered—That Sir Earle Page be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Ordered—That Mr. Pollard be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
5. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1942.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 10th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1941 ’, as amended by the ‘ Income Tax Assessment Act 1942 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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6. WAR-TIME (COMPANY) TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1942.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 10th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act 1940-1941’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Mr. Fadden (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved—

That, in respect of all assessments for the financial year which commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two and all subsequent years—

- (a) in lieu of the taxable income excepted from the super-tax imposed by section six of the *Income Tax Act 1942* by paragraph (c) of the proviso to that section, the following taxable income be excepted :—

“ the mutual income, as defined in sub-section (1A.) of section one hundred and sixty c of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1942*, of a life assurance company.”; and

- (b) in lieu of the rate specified in clause (1) of sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of the Seventh Schedule to the *Income Tax Act 1942* in the case of a life assurance company other than a mutual life assurance company, the following rate of tax be substituted :—

“ (1) in respect of the mutual income of the company as defined in sub-section (1A.) of section one hundred and sixty c of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1942*—Sixty pence.”.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	..	..	..	£8,660
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be agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Falstein, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. McCall, Mr. Spender, Mr. Spooner, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,  
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.